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"There is something rotten in Denmark," is an expression frequently heard these days.

There is something wrong in British Columbia, and it is quite evident that repairs are badly needed. Just where the machinery is rusty seems to be the point that a great many cannot decide.

All freely admit that it is no fault of our resources. Although our mineral industry is in a critical position, and the other industries are necessarily affected, no one is heard to say that our resources do not go down, that the ore is not plentiful or too poor a grade.

Then it must be that the trouble is not from 'natural' causes.

One man claims that the mine managers do not know their business, another that the Miners' Unions are the cause of all the trouble, and another that the Legislature is not making the proper kind of laws, while still another claims that the want of redistribution is the cause. Others that the taxes are too high, that the Dominion Government gets too much revenue, that freight is too high, that the smelting charges are beyond reason, and so the different people point out the different whys.

Whatever the cause it is certain that British Columbia is not making the progress it should. Here is a chance for patriotism—love of country—to be put into action. The men who will straighten out the present difficulties will do more for this Province than all those who write and talk of their love.

We have a gloriously rich Province, one which we have reason to love and be proud of, and one which will, we believe, outshine all the other provinces in this fair Dominion, if only properly fostered.

Notwithstanding all our rich natural resources we have reached a crisis which is cause for alarm.

Whether this is real or imaginary the fact is that capitalist are being driven and kept away from the Province. Different minded men, who have arrived from other countries, have returned to their own because of the strikes and the many other things which the present investors are complaining of.

While the Mine Owners Association course does not meet with general favor it cannot be concluded that they are all fools. Wherein they have erred is a question that apparently puzzles everyone. They can see the faults, but evidently have not figured out the remedy, or just how it is to be applied, and propose that a commission should investigate the whole affair and name the remedy.

If they have done nothing else they have started the ball rolling and it has already grown considerable. Further, now that it is started it is to be heartily hoped that it will continue until everything is straightened out, no matter what the cost.

As stated in our last issue we believe that the remedy is to induce the Dominion Government to return that which they have taken from us, viz., \$13,000,000.

The present crisis is the outcome of that which was so evident even six and seven years ago. Looking back that far many people will say that conditions were then favorable and we were prosperous, but now we are taxed beyond reason.

At that time conditions were different. Roads, trails, etc., were few and the miners told the Legislature that they must have more. One road demanded another and so it went. The Legislature in turn said if we build roads we will have to tax you to pay for them. The roads were built, freighting made cheaper and taxes higher. Now the miners are paying in taxes for these roads, etc., and find it to be burdensome.

In our humble opinion there are several things necessary to place the mining industry on a proper basis, namely:

1. Get back that \$13,000,000 from the Dominion.
2. Build one or more government smelters.
3. Get the refinery in operation.
4. Have the mint started up.
5. Build government railways.
6. Give a railway charter to any company that will build without a bonus.
7. Redistribution of seats in the Legislature.
8. Compulsory arbitration in labor disputes.

Commercial bodies in New York, Boston and Detroit have passed resolutions favoring reciprocity with Canada. The Duluth Board of Trade asks for absolute free trade between the two countries. Their resolution says that the increased export trade has been a large factor in the industrial and agricultural prosperity of the United States,

and that "trade with Canada, our nearest neighbor, is now hampered by needless, useless, and in many cases obsolete conditions, that are working an injury to a large number of American people and doing none of them any good." The United States Congress can bring about a large increase of trade with Canada, even without a treaty, by the simple expedient of lowering the American tariff to the Canadian level.

Some months ago we advocated that a press association be established in this Province in order that the many difficulties constantly arising here might be dealt with in unity and that the fraternity might work in harmony, at least wherein business interest are concerned. Thos. McNaught, of the Halcyn Hot Springs, has taken the matter in hand and is endeavoring to form a Journalists Institute. He informs us that he is meeting with success and that a meeting to inaugurate the institute will be called in the near future. It is badly needed and we hope will result in much good.

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